ANTIQUITY OF THE HOG.

The two most important and most intimately associated products of Indiana are corn and hogs. A French statistician with a newly sharpened pencil and sufficient leisure once figured out that the product of a single sow with only six young at a time will amount in ten generations to about 6,500,000. Of course, he left hog cholera and other diseases out of the calculation. The Chinese claim to have bred and domesticated the hog 4,000 years before the Christian era. The ancient Egyptians knew the hog, and this animal is depicted on their monuments. The use of the meat of the hog was prohibited by the Jews, as it was considered that in hot countries it produced skin diseases, says Indianapolis News. The Moslems under Mohammedan law are also prohibited from using pork. The hog was unknown in America until introduced from Europe by the early navigators. In the South American forests are great droves of wild hogs, the descendants of hogs brought over by the Spaniards. When it is taken into account that the ordinary female swine will produce twice every year, and usually eight to twelve at a birth, one cannot help but wonder that the market price should be as great as it is.

A portable hammer for use in drilling holes in concrete, brick or stone or for removing scales, paint or rust from tubes or plates, has recently been devised which uses a magnetic clutch to obtain the striking action. The apparatus consists of a hollow sleeve about which is the magnet winding; the ends of the sleeve form the poles of the magnet. A loose plunger operates within the sleeve. The center of the sleeves is largely cut away and the plunger normally occupies a position spanning this center opening. By means of a motor the sleeve is reciprocated, thereby throwing the plunger back and forth by means of the magnetic coupling of the two.

If the news that comes from Manila be true, then a cure for leprosy has been discovered and another of the dread terrors of humankind has been vanquished. It is reported that 23 patients from a neighboring leper colony have been subjected to final expert examination at Manila and discharged as wholly free from the disease. They had been treated by a new method in which chaulmoogra oil is the essential factor. Dr. J. O. Lunn, resident physician of St. Paul's hospital, Manila, also reports the successful use of an arsenical compound in the treatment of sprue, an oriental complaint common in the Philippines.

It is stated that the value of munitions shipments from the United States now averages above a million dollars a day. Towns have grown up like mushrooms under the impetus of the new industry—and may perhaps as quickly decline when the demand for its products comes to an end. Eight months ago, says the New York Evening Post, City Point, Va., was a cornfield. Now it is a place of 27,000 inhabitants. The problems of housing and schooling are pressing ones under conditions of such rapid rise and such uncertainty as to the future.

The effect of the war on English university life has been almost overwhelming. Oxford this year has an undergraduate body of 600 instead of 8,000. Finances are most difficult and a number of professorships are to be abandoned. A university correspondent says Oxford is being slowly starved in men and money.

The most important matter for any community to attend to is the education of the coming generation, physically, morally and mentally, for on this question the whole future of the community depends. And safe and sanitary schoolhouses are certainly not the least important detail of the whole.

Taking castor oil successfully is a simple matter of mental attitude. Just think that it is not nauseating, that it is going down and will stay down, open your mouth and swallow the dose—then smack your lips and smile.

It has been judicially decided that a hole in the ground has no commercial value which the law must recognize. But suppose the hole is an oil well?

When Edison said that the next, great war would be fought with machines, maybe he was thinking of typewriters.

After reading an enthusiastic angier's story of catching a ten-pound salmon, golf seems rather tame sport.

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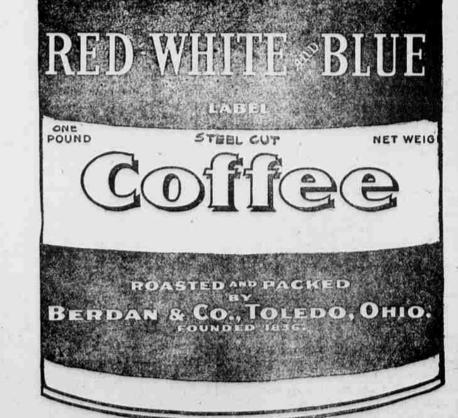
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